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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MFA ASSESSMENT OF BRANDT VISIT

SUMMARY. MFA (YAISH) TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 15 THAT PRELIMINARY
MFA AQUESSMENT OF BRANDT VISIT WAS THAT IT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL
FROM ISRAEL' S POINT OF VIEW. BRANDT HAD OUTLINED POSITION ON
MIDDLE EAST INCLUDING A) NEED FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PARTIES,
B) REJECTION OF IMPOSED SOLUTION, C) RECOGNITION OF ENGLISH VERSION
OF UNSC RESOLUTION 242 AND ISRAEL' S NEED FOR SECURE BORDERS,
D) RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL' S SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE, AND E)
RECOGNITION OF GERMANY' S FINANCIAL AND MORAL OBLIGATIONS TO
ISRAEL. YAISH SAID ISRAEL HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH GERMAN POSITION
AND FELT THAT GERMANY COULD BE A GREAT HELP IN EEC COUNCILS.
IN VIEW OF UK RECENT TURN TO PRO- ARAB STANCE GERMANY' S
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VOICE IN EEC WAS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO ISRAEL. YAISH
SAID THAT GERMANY WOULD CONTINUE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND
INVESTMENT FOR ISRAEL AND WOULD SUPPORT ISRAELI INTERESTS IN
RENEGOTIATION OF EEC AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. YAISH CONCLUDED

THAT ISRAELI PUBLIC MAY HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED CHANCELLOR HAD MADE NO RINGING DECLARATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, BUT IN HIS VIEW GERMANY COULD DO MORE FOR ISRAEL WITHOUT SUCH DEMOGOGUERY. END SUMMARY.

1. DIRECTOR EUROPE ONE DIVISION, VFA (YAISH) BRIEFED EMBOFF JUNE 15 ON BRANDT VISIT TO ISRAEL JUNE 7 TO 11. YAISH CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS SUCCESS FROM BOTH GERMANY' S AND ISRAEL' S POINTS OF VIEW. HE AGREED THAT PRESS HAD BEEN HINTING THAT GERMANY HAD BEEN PRIMARY BENEFICIARY, BUT THIS WAS NOT SO. ISRAEL, ACCORDING TO YAISH, HAD SOUGHT NO " SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH GERMANY IF WHAT IS MEANT BY SUCH A TERM IS KIND OF INTERCHANGE THAT UNTIL RECENTLY (SIC) EXISTED BETWEEN US AND UK. YAISH SAID, HOWEVER, THAT REGULAR RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND GERMANY HAVE A " SPECIAL CHARACTER" DUE TO PAST, I. E., GERMANY HAS A FINANCIAL AND MORAL OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT ISRAEL. YAISH ADDED THAT CHANCELLOR HAD NOT TRIED TO EVADE THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND HAD CONVINCED ISRAELIS HE WAS SINCERE IN MEETING IT. CHANCELLOR HAD UNDERTAKEN TO TALK TO YOUTH IN GERMANY TO DRIVE HOME LESSON THAT ONE CANNOT REWRITE HISTORY OR IGNORE IT AND THAT HISTORY IMPOSES OBLIGATIONS ON FUTURE GENERATIONS.

2. YAISH SAID THAT GERMANY' S PLEDGE TO TALK TO BOTH SIDES IN MID- EAST CONFLICT WITH SAME VOICE WAS EMINENTLY SATISFACTORY TO ISRAEL. CHANCELLOR, DRAWING ON GERMAN EXPERIENCE, HAD STRESSED THAT IMPORTANT THING FOR MID EAST WAS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS GOING AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS MUST ULTIMATELY BE

DIRECT. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, TRY TO ADVISE ISRAEL ON MOVES IT SHOULD MAKE. ACCORDING TO YAISH, BRANDT DID NOT FEEL THAT GERMANY OR EUROPE HAD A MEDIATING ROLE TO PLAY. CHANCELLOR APPARENTLY FELT THAT OUTSIDE POWERS COULD HELP STIMULATE NEGOTIATIONS BUT SHOULD NOT TRY TO DICTATE SETTLEMENT OR OFFER ADVICE. BRANDT FELT THAT U. S. AND USSR ARE IN BEST POSITION TO CREATE APPROPRIATE ATMOSPHERE AND MECHANISMS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED. IF NOT TWO POWERS, THEN UN AND SYG WALDHEIM COULD PERHAPS PERFORM THIS FUNCTION. YAISH SAID ISRAELIS HAD EXPLAINED CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR PROBLEMS WITH UN ROLE, AND WHILE BRANDT UNDERSTOOD, HE DID NOT COMPLETELY AGREE.

3. YAISH SAID THAT GERMANS UNDERSTOOD NEGOTIATION PROCESS CAN BE A LONG ONE AND MINISTER FRANKE HAD COMMENTED IT TOOK OVER THREE YEARS FOR FRG NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR TO BEAR FRUIT. CHANCELLOR REITERATED GERMANY' S ADHERENCE TO ENGLISH TEXT OF UNSC RESOLUTION 242 AND RECOGNIZED ISRAEL' S NEED FOR SECURE BORDERS, WHICH YAISH INTERPRETED AS NO RETURN TO PRE-1967 ARMISTICE LINES. YAISH SAID GERMANS HAD STRESSED FRG' S FLEXIBILITY ON TERRITORY IN ITS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE DENTENTE IN EUROPE AND ISRAELIS HAD POINTED OUT THAT GERMAN EXAMPLE WAS GOOD ONE FOR ARABS TO FOLLOW. YAISH SAID MOST IMPORTANT RESULT OF

VISIT WAS REAFFIRMATION OF GERMAN CONVICTION THAT ISRAEL
SERIOUSLY WANTS PEACE.

4. ACCORDING TO YAISH, GERMAN FONMIN SCHEEL HAD CARRIED
SAME MESSAGE TO CAIRO AS CHANCELLOR REPEATED IN ISRAEL.
YAISH SAID MFA HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT SCHEEL WAS NOT
REFLECTING SAME POLICY AS CHANCELLOR BUT WAS NOW CONVINCED
THAT BOTH MEN WERE IN ACCORD AND THAT THIS WORKED TO BENEFIT
OF ISRAEL. YAISH SAID THAT GERMANY' S VOICE IS LISTENED TO IN
ARAB WORLD BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY IT IS LISTENED TO IN
EUROPE. HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE ENGLAND HAD RECENTLY
BECOME " PRO- ARAB" IN EFFORT TO SECURE ITS OIL SUPPLIES, GERMANY
HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT TO ISRAEL IN EUROPEAN CONTEXT. UK
HAS TAKEN LEAD FROM FRANCE IN WOOING ARABS AND THIS HAS
DANGEROUS IMPLICATIONS FOR ISRAEL SINCE REST OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
HAD LOOKED TO ENGLAND FOR " OBJECTIVELY" IN FACE OF FRANCE' S PRO-
ARAB STAND. YAISH SAID CHANCELLOR HAD ALLUEDED TO OIL PROBLEM,
BUT HAD INDICATED THAT THIS IS NOT AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS AND IN
ANY EVENT WOULD NOT BE AN OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION FOR GERMAN
FOREIGN POLICY.

5. YAISH SAID THAT ON BILATERAL SIDE OF DISCUSSIONS, GERMANS
HAD INDICATED THEIR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUED
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INVESTMENT FOR ISRAEL. HE SAID THAT
DETAILED PROGRAMS WERE NOT DISCUSSED. YAISH ALSO SAID THAT
CHANCELLOR HAD INDICATED HIS SHPPORT FOR RENEGOTIATION OF EEC
AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL AND UNDERSTOOD THAT RENEGOTIATIONS SHOULD
NOT WORK TO DISADVANTAGE OF ISRAEL' S ECONOMY.
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6. IN CONCLUSION, YAISH SAID THAT ISRAELIS ON POPULAR LEVEL HAD
WANTED RINGING DECLARATIONS OF TOTAL GERMAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL' S
POLICY AND HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED WHEN CHANCELLOR FAILED TO
MAKE SUCH DECLARATIONS. BUT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ISRAEL,
YAISH WAS CONVINCED THAT, GIVEN POSITIONS BRANDT HAD OUTLINED,
GERMAN' S WOULD BE ABLE TO DO MORE FOR ISRAEL, PARTICULARLY
IN EUROPEAN WITHOUT RINGING DECLARATIONS.
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